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SUBJECT: PRIME MINIETER JONATHAN'S INDEPENDENCE DAY MESSAGE

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: PRIME MINISTER JONATHAN, ABSENO IN EUROPE
SINCE COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE, SENT FOLLOWING MESSAGE WHICH
WAS DELIVERED TO CHARGE' BY ACTING PM AT JULY FOURTH RECEPTION:

QTE YOUR EXCELLENCY, ON THIS OCCASION OF YOUR NATIONAL DAY,
PERMIT ME THROUGH THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND ON BEHALF OF
HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO WHOSE LOVE
FOR FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE HAVE MADE THEM THE SELF-DETERMINING
PEOPLE THEY ARE TODAY, TO CONGRATULATE THE GOVERNMENT OF YOUR
GREAT COUNTRY, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE.

QTE I ALSO HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND TO YOU MY SINCEREST GOOD
WISHES FOR THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO

EXPRESS MY HOPE THAT THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE EXPERIENCE WILL
CONTINUE TO BE A GUIDING EXAMPLE TO ALL FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES
OF THE WORLD, IN PARTICULAR, FOR THE STRUGGLING PEOPLE OF SOUTH-
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ERN AFRICA, WHOSE ENJOYMENT OF FREEDOM AND HUMAN DIGNITY CONTINUES TO BE NEGATED BY RACIALLY OPPRESSIVE AND DISCRIMINATORY
OBSESSION OF WHITE MINORITY REGIMES. DR. LEABUA JONATHAN, PRIME
MINISTER END QTE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. PRECEDENT SETTING MESSAGE IS FURTHER
INDICATION OF DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN US-LESOTHO RELATIONS

THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS SINCE LESOTHO'S QUARREL WITH SOUTH AFRICA OVER CREATION OF TRANSKEI VIZ. US SUPPORT FOR LESOTHO IN ITS COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN DECEMBER 1976; US SUPPORT FOR FARAH REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO; US CONSIDERATION OF LESOTHO'S REQUEST TO BUILD THE MOHALE'S HOEK TO MPITI ROAD ALONG THE BORDER WITH TRANSKEI AND FINALLY OPEN AND POSITIVE US CALL FOR EARLY MOVES TO GRANT FULL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION FOR ALL PEOPLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S REFERENCES TO SELF DETERMINATION AMONG THE LESOTHO AND "FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES" INVITES DIALOGUE ON THE SUBJECT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN LESOTHO. EMBASSY WILL SEEK TO ENGAGE GOL CABINET MEMBERS AND OTHERS IN DISCUSSION OF THESE MATTERS WITH AIM OF PROMOTING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVT IN LESOTHO AND, POSSIBLY, REPEAL OF THE 1975 DETENTION ACT. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.
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